

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A conveying device comprising:
 - at least one conveying body,
 - rolling elements in operational connection with the conveying body (10),
 - wherein the rolling elements are arranged between one of two guide rails and the at least one conveying body in such a manner that the rolling elements, during displacement of the at least one conveying body, are rotatable,
 - at least one connecting body, wherein one connecting body per ~~at least~~ two rolling elements is present such that the connecting body supports the at least two rolling elements on opposite sides of a conveying body and determines a distance between the rolling elements, so that guide rails and conveying bodies are loosely guided with respect to one another,
 - wherein the ~~at least~~ one connecting body is conveyable in the same direction as the conveying body and is generally U-shaped with an intermediate portion extending in a direction transverse to the direction of conveyance,
 - wherein the rolling elements are either balls or cylinders, and
 - wherein the conveying device is operable with curvatures in different directions of curvature such that the device can extend in any of three transverse

directions.

2. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, comprising a plurality of conveying bodies, which are arranged between rolling elements and also between guiding rails such that the rolling elements are freely rotatable when shifting at least one conveying body.
3. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, wherein two rolling elements are arranged opposite one another on opposite sides of a conveying body along a straight line and are operatively connected with the conveying body or the conveying bodies and the guide rails.
4. - 9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 3, wherein at least one rolling element is a ball.
11. (Currently Amended) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the operational connection between rolling elements and the at least one conveying body or at the plurality of conveying bodies is achieved by guide grooves for the engagement of cylinders or balls.
12. – 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, wherein two guide rails form a unit.

16. – 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the connecting body moves in the same direction as the conveying body, but at a speed lower than the conveying body.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rolling elements comprise axle elements and the cylinders are rotatably arranged around these axle elements.

21. (Currently Amended) The conveying device ~~in accordance with~~according to claim 2, wherein the conveying bodies further include an attachment means for the attachment of means for temporarily holding articles to be conveyed~~are provided on the conveying bodies~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The conveying device in accordance with claim 2, wherein the conveying bodies are connected to one another with a connecting means for the conveying bodies.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with the claim 2, wherein the conveying bodies are designed in such a manner that they are capable of being driven by means of a drive.

25. (Currently Amended) The Use of the device in accordance with claim 1, ~~for~~wherein the device comprises the conveyance of flat products, preferably printed products.

26. (Withdrawn) A method for the conveyance of articles, wherein a conveying body for the conveyance of a product on and/or between rolling bodies, which are in contact with guide rails, is moved in such a manner, that the conditions:

$$V_{\text{Guide rail}} = 0 \quad \text{and}$$
$$V_{\text{Rolling body}} < V_{\text{Conveying body}}$$

are fulfilled.

27. (Withdrawn) Utilisation of the device in accordance with claim 1, for the conveyance of packages and of traveling luggage.

28. (Currently Amended) A conveying device comprising:

at least one conveying body ~~as well as~~,

a rolling body in operational connection with the conveying body, wherein the

rolling body comprises at least one connecting body, and the rolling body comprises a plurality of rollers,

wherein the rolling body is arranged at least partially between guide rails and the at least one conveying body in such a manner that the rollers, during displacement of the at least one conveying body, are rotatable on interior surfaces of the guide rails,

wherein the conveying device is operable with curvatures in different directions of curvature,

wherein one connecting body is present such that the connecting body determines a distance between the rollers, and ~~that~~wherein the guide rails and conveying bodies are loosely guided with respect to one another, and

wherein the at least one conveying body rolls ~~up over~~on the rolling body—, and comprises further rollers, which roll on an exterior surface a guide rail.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, comprising a plurality of connecting bodies and wherein the connecting bodies are connected to one another in an articulated manner.

31. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, comprising a plurality of connecting bodies and wherein each connecting body comprises receptacles, each receptacle for receiving one cylinder or ball rolling element

32. (Previously Presented) A conveying device comprising:

- at least one conveying body as well as,
- rolling bodies in operational connection with the conveying body,
- at least one connecting body,

wherein the rolling bodies comprise a plurality of rollers and the rolling bodies are arranged between guide rails and the at least one conveying body in such a manner that the rollers, during displacement of the at least one conveying body, are rotatable,

wherein the conveying device is operable with curvatures in different directions of curvature such that the device can extend in any of three transverse directions,

wherein one connecting body per rolling body is present such that the connecting bodies determine a distance between the rollers, and that guide rails and conveying bodies are loosely guided with respect to one another, and

wherein the at least one connecting body is conveyable in the same direction as the conveying body, but at a speed lower than that of the conveying body.

33. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 32, wherein two rolling bodies are arranged opposite one another, not at a straight angle relative to one conveying body or to several conveying bodies, and are in an operational connection with the conveying body or the conveying bodies and with the guide rails.

34. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 32, wherein three rolling bodies are arranged relative to at least one conveying body in such a manner that mutually supporting one another they act to oppose the forces which the at least one conveying body exerts on the rolling bodies and for their part support themselves on the guide rails.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) The conveying device according to claim 32, wherein the connecting bodies comprise receptacles and that the rolling bodies are supported in these receptacles and are rotatable around an axis, wherein the axis is defined in particular by pointed cones formed on the rollers.

37. (Currently Amended) The conveying device in accordance with claim 36, wherein the respective axes ~~respectively~~ are arranged on one side of a ribbon-shaped connecting body and that on these axes, the rollers are freely rotatable.

38. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 36, wherein the connecting bodies of the rolling bodies consist of an elastic material.

39. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 38, wherein the rolling bodies are connected together as a unit transverse to the direction of conveyance with an elastic means of connection.

40. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 32, wherein the operational connection between rolling bodies and the at least one conveying body or a plurality of conveying bodies is effected by guide grooves for the engagement of rollers or balls of the rolling bodies.

41. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 32, wherein the conveying device is a device closed in itself, in which all conveying bodies are in engagement with one another and the rolling bodies as well as the guide rails lead back into themselves.